

## RUSSIA BACKS SERVIA; EUROPE SEES BIG WAR

Petersburg Government May  
Send Ultimatum to Vienna  
if Diplomacy Fails.

CZAR'S ARMY READY  
TO MOVE AT ONCE

Servian Premier Said to  
Have Gone to Russia to  
Get Official Backing.

BERLIN ASTOUNDED.  
BUT TO AID AUSTRIA

France Also Astonished,  
While England Feels That  
a War Is Inevitable.

TIME UP AT 6 P. M. TO-DAY

Austrian Minister at Belgrade  
to Leave There, Is  
Report.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun.  
St. Petersburg, July 24.—There has been no expectation here that Austria would approach Serbia in the matter of settling the responsibility for the murder of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife on June 28 with velvet gloves, but no one anticipated the astonishing character of the ultimatum sent by the dual monarchy to the Balkan kingdom and presented to the Government of Belgrade.

The interpretation of the note is that Austria desires and intends war, as it is intended no State with the least pretensions to independence would dream of accepting such dictation.

Russia's well known friendship and sympathy with the Servian Slavs (a friendship which, it may be remembered, is national as well as official) is regarded as placing the empire now in a position in which it must be prepared to take up



Premier Pachitch of Serbia.

It is perhaps fortunate that the great strike now prevailing in Russia prevents the newspapers of St. Petersburg from appearing, as their comment on the ultimatum would certainly not conduce to peace.

Russia May Intervene.

The Council of Ministers held a four hours session to-day and considered the amazing thunderbolt from Vienna. What decision it took is not known and it will not be further until approved by the czar in a further council, over which he will preside, but all available information points certainly to Russian intervention.

It is understood that this will first take the form of strong representations at Vienna in Serbia's favor. It will probably be pointed out that inasmuch as Russia's declaration of 1909, to which the ultimatum refers, was made before all the Powers Austria's grievances should be submitted to the Powers with the view of a combined decision as to the necessary steps to be taken. A request will probably be made for the prolongation of the period of the ultimatum in order to enable European diplomacy to act.

Russia May Send Ultimatum.

It is realized that as some such Russian ultimatum must have been foreseen by Austria it is not likely to prove effective, and the talk today is that Russia is prepared in that case to follow with an ultimatum to Austria.

It is declared that the Russian army is ready to support such an ultimatum, thanks mainly to her experience in the war with Japan, as a result of which a first and branch reorganization has been carried out.

The day has been a busy one in diplomatic quarters. M. Sazonoff, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, had interviews with

## SHAMROCK MAKING SPEED.

Cup Challenger Runs Into Fine Weather and Moderate Wind.  
By Wireless from The Sun Correspondent Aboard the Erin.  
At SEA, July 23.—The Erin and the Shamrock IV. are now in latitude 45 degrees 18 minutes west, longitude 14 degrees 41 minutes north. The weather is fine and the wind moderate.

The challenger sailed 232 nautical miles in the last twenty-four hours. All are well.

## MAN'S HOME TO BE 'SUFF' CENTRE

Mrs. G. S. Mason, Bronx Vote Leader, Will Surprise Husband.

A happy and unsuspecting suffrage husband will return one of these days to find himself and all his belongings moved into a suffrage headquarters. He is George S. Mason and he lives at present at 230 West 123d street. His future home, along with suffrage pennants and a luncheonroom, will be at 133 West 125th street, where the Woman Suffrage party will open a permanent headquarters about the first of the month.

Mr. Mason has seen the place, which is an upstairs store fronting a seven room apartment. He has told Mrs. Mason, who is leader of the Woman Suffrage party of the Bronx, that he didn't believe that she could get any one to live there.

Mr. Mason is also a suffragist, and when his wife was elected leader of her borough some two months ago he wrote to her from the South that he wished he was at home so he could take off his coat and help her.

"I won't have to take off his coat now," said Mrs. Mason yesterday, "because he won't have to put it on. We shall have three rooms for our own use, but the cooking for the lunches will be done in our kitchen, of course. Then we shall have evening lectures in the front room. I don't know what Mr. Mason will say, but we are going to live there for the present, at least."

## TRAIN BANDITS KILL BRAKEMAN.

Hold Up New York Limited on L. & N. Near New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 24.—Thomas Eglin, a brakeman was killed when two bandits held up the Norfolk Limited of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at Gentilly Crossing, about six miles out of New Orleans, to-night. The masked robbers secured \$19,500 from the conductor and \$2,500 from a transfer man.

The robbers boarded the train at the Louisville and Nashville station here and pulled the bell cord when the locomotive slowed up for the crossing at Gentilly. They poked revolvers into the faces of the crew.

It was while the robbers were searching the conductor that Eglin appeared and was killed. The robbers then jumped off when the shots aroused the passengers.

## JUST ONE BUG AFTER ANOTHER.

Farmers Set Technica Flies on Army Worms, Then Grasshoppers Come.

DETROIT, Mich., July 24.—The technica fly, natural enemy of the army worm, has descended upon the millions of grain destroying insects in western Ontario and the farmers are hopeful that the flies will slaughter the pests.

A new plague, however, has come in the large number of grasshoppers in various sections, which threaten serious damage unless checked by a heavy storm.

The army worm has appeared on Pelee Island in Lake Erie and practically destroyed the great onion fields.

## SKINNER TAKES UP NEW DUTIES.

Consul-General in London Holds Brief Informal Reception.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
LONDON, July 24.—Robert P. Skinner, the new American Consul-General here, took over the consulate without any ceremony this forenoon. He held a brief informal reception of members of the staff and then started right to work.

## AVIATRIX JUST ESCAPES DEATH.

Caught in Squall, She Rides Wind and Manages to Land.

CLEVELAND, July 24.—Caught in a squall off Akron Beach on her return flight from Euclid Beach to Cedar Point, Miss Lilly Irvine, aviatrix, and her mechanic, Tony Janus, were forced to-night to battle for more than a quarter of an hour in a forty mile wind that swept over Lake Erie to save themselves from being dashed to death.

Unable to find a landing on the rocky coastline and buffeted and pitched around through which their fuel was quickly disappearing, they bucked the storm in the hope of reaching the harbor here.

Miss Irvine sighted a small stretch of beach eight miles east of Lorain and effected a successful landing, barely four minutes before the storm broke.

While Miss Irvine was seeking a landing place Janus was struggling frantically to repair a leak in the gasoline tank through which their fuel was quickly disappearing. The frail aircraft could not have remained intact in the rough water.

## LIVED FOUR DAYS ON MELONS.

Plight of Negro Boy in Sealed Car Was Not So Very Horrible.

Pickaninnyes and watermelons are believed to be, at least psychologically, attuned. Evidence of this came into the Communipaw terminal of the Jersey Central Railroad yesterday afternoon when a freight train arrived and a negro lad of 12 years was found in one of the box cars loaded with melons. He confessed that he had been eating melons for four days.

The boy said he was Fred Mitchell of 666 Main street, Wilmington, N. C., and that he was playing around the train in Wilmington on Tuesday night when a big white man picked him up and tossed him into the car, telling him to eat watermelons and be happy. Pretty soon the door was slammed and sealed and the train started. Fred said he then devoted his efforts to following the advice of the white man.

## IS CHAMPION WASHERWOMAN.

Fifty Years With One Family Is Record of Clatman.

ATLANTON, Kan., July 24.—Atchison believes it has the world's champion washerwoman in Mrs. T. H. Bailey, who took down the family washing last night from the clothesline in the home of G. B. Buck, thus completing her fiftieth consecutive year as the Buck family washerwoman.

A better record for faithfulness is unrecorded in the annals of washerwomen, according to best statistics available here.

## TOWN STOPS WORK TO WATCH ITS POLICE

Rockville Centre Turns Detective After Confession Shows Corrupt Force.

## "KNEW OF ALL ROBBERIES"

"We Committed Them or Else Got Rakeoff," Declares Arrested Cop.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N. Y., July 24.—The village Board of Trustees and two vigilance committees here have abandoned all private business and delegated to themselves all the police activity of the town. They are on the hunt for their own police, who they say have treated them shabbily. To watch the police who are still allowed to do patrol duty and to investigate those who have been arrested there are more detectives than there were ever patrolmen.

All this is because of the complicated tale of crime and corruption told this morning by one member of the police force arrested for burglary. With two others arrested two days ago for the same charge he brings the number of policemen under arrest up to within half a man of half of the entire department of police of Rockville Centre.

The policeman Rulof Peterson, who confessed, smiled a little as he told how easy it was.

"Why, we'd go into a place, take what we wanted and then get assigned as detectives to the case. We always found clues pointing to Italians up around Long Island City."

"Why, these people would bring their keys up to headquarters when they went away," he added. "We'd get the keys, get what we wanted and return them, fixing it up so it looked like an outside job."

Peterson, considered one of Rockville Centre's most trusted employees, has made a confession which implicates the department as a whole in robberies and burglaries amounting to \$75,000 during the past three years. Peterson was brought back from a vacation in Massachusetts. He said that every burglary job in Rockville Centre during the past six months had been done with the knowledge of the police, who got their share.

## Stolen Goods Are Found.

Statements like this and others equally amazing resulted in a search of the house of Peterson, in East Rockaway. Village President Bulson, his five trustees, Village Counsel Francis Hooley and County Detective Phineas Seaman came away from the house with three auto trucks full of goods admitted to have been stolen.

The goods were taken to the village hall and there arranged about the halls. Rockville Centre upon invitation came for an inspection. It had the color of a society event. Householders and shopkeepers who had been robbed had this list of things to pick their own from:

Articles of silver and cut glass too numerous to mention, three bicycles, a typewriter, two phonographs and records, quantities of silk and dress goods in bolts, fine table linen, much of it marked; some pieces of jewelry, three overcoats, three rugs, three revolvers and some cameras.

Two days ago, when Policemen Wicks and Vertizan were arrested, Peterson's house was inspected, but nothing found. Later he disclosed the hiding place—a four foot space under one of the floors.

The house of John Pilkington on the Merrick road was robbed six months ago. Peterson said that while he and another policeman, Vertizan, were robbing it they saw Warren Treadwell stagger onto the lawn, drunk. They pulled him into the house, he said, and induced him to go to sleep. Later, after the case was reported, the two policemen, according to Peterson's confession, arrested Treadwell and put him through such a third degree that he made a "confession" of robbing the Pilkington home. Treadwell spent three months in jail.

## Work on Robbery Not Committed.

Policeman Peterson told of a robbery by a house on Robinson terrace. He and Edwin A. Wright, brother of Police Justice Wright, figured out how the crime had been done but made no arrests. Peterson said it was his own work.

Peterson told of the theft of \$3,000 worth of goods from the store of Arnold Huser, for which Wicks and Vertizan also are under arrest. Those two, said Peterson, were on guard while he gathered the goods. He took it to Mrs. Phoebe Douglas, telling her she could use the clothing, but that if she were asked from where it came she was to say she had bought it from a pedler. Mr. Huser saw her wearing a coat from his store and questioned her.

Mrs. Douglas, arrested yesterday as a material witness, gave some clues as to Peterson's alleged nets. He suggested three weeks ago, said she, that they take some of the money he had saved and go to Florida.

Peterson was committed to jail without bail.

## HARVEY T. ANDREWS HAS 40 CTS.

Ex-Republican Officeholder Up in Supplementary Proceedings.

Harvey T. Andrews, ex-Transfer Tax Appraiser, ex-Assistant Appraiser of the Port, ex-Assemblyman and ex-Republican leader of the Thirtieth Assembly district, testified in supplementary proceedings yesterday that his entire cash assets are 40 cents, which is all he has left of the proceeds of the sale of his watch and chain. He said his finances were so low the other day that he had to borrow \$1 from Michael McCarthy in Mike's place, at Reister and Greenwich streets.

Andrews, who has seen prosperous days in the past, didn't go so far as to say that the Democratic Administration is responsible for his low cash assets, but he admitted that being out of a political job contributed to his condition. He was examined as to his ability to pay a judgment for \$112 on one of a series of notes held by Byron F. Abbott, from whom he bought stock in the Renault Taxi Service Company and the Motor Taxi Meter Company.

## W. W. ASTOR'S PAPERS SOLD.

W. G. Sinclair, Big London Printer, Is the Purchaser.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.  
LONDON, July 24.—It is announced that W. G. Sinclair, the financier who controls the Dobson-Moile Company, printers and publishers of London and Edinburgh, has bought William Waldorf Astor's Pall Mall Gazette and Weekly Observer. J. L. Garvin will retain the editorship of both papers.

It is understood that representatives of the Liberal party made a handsome offer for the papers, which Mr. Astor refused. They are both Unionist papers and Mr. Astor purchased the Weekly Observer in the interest of his son Waldorf when the latter became a Unionist candidate for Parliament.

Mr. Sinclair will continue the present policy of the papers.

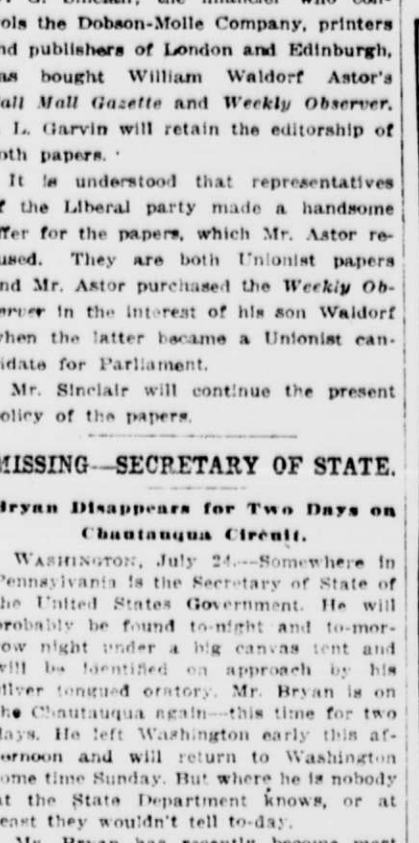
## MISSING—SECRETARY OF STATE.

Bryan Disappears for Two Days on Chautauqua Circuit.

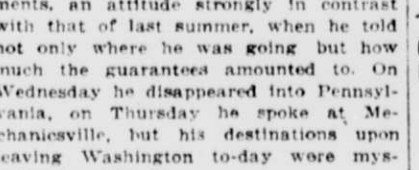
WASHINGTON, July 24.—Somewhere in Pennsylvania is the Secretary of State of the United States Government. He will probably be found to-night and to-morrow night under a big canvas tent and will be identified an approach by his silver-tongued oratory. Mr. Bryan is on the Chautauqua again—this time for two days. He left Washington early this afternoon and will return to Washington some time Sunday. But where he is nobody at the State Department knows, or at least they wouldn't tell to-day.

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## WORLD TRAIN RECORD BROKEN.

Erie Engine Pulls 250 Loaded Cars, Weighing 21,000 Tons.

BINGHAMTON, July 24.—The Erie Railroad conducted a test here yesterday of the pulling power of the new centipede locomotive, which weighs 410 tons and has twenty-four driving wheels, eight of them being under the tender to secure additional driving power.

The officers in charge kept adding car after car of coal to the train until it consisted of 250 fully loaded steel "battleships," with a total weight of 21,000 tons.

The locomotive pulled this train for forty miles at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, establishing a new train record for American railroads as well as for the world. The train was easily 10,000 tons heavier than any ever pulled by a locomotive.

## EPILEPSY CURE ANNOUNCED.

Effect by an Operation on the Large Intestine.

CINCINNATI, July 24.—What is declared to be a remarkable cure of a case of epilepsy is reported by Dr. C. A. L. Reed, a surgeon of this city.

The treatment was given at the German Deaconess Hospital in this city. The woman patient in this case, it is announced, was relieved of frequent and distressing fits of epilepsy not by an operation on the brain, spinal cord or other portion of the nervous system but by an operation on the large intestine.

Dr. Reed disclosed that the large intestine had sagged out of its normal position. This caused two sharp angles in the digestive tract and prevented its normal action. The operation was successful and the woman is now permanently cured.

## TAXI COMPETITION IN SIGHT.

Two Concerns Promise Cheap Service in the Fall.

It was announced yesterday that on October 1 the International Cab Company will begin operating taxicabs in this city and that the charges will be 25 cents for the first half mile and five cents for each additional quarter mile, making 35 cents for the first mile, and 25 cents for additional miles. P. J. Holdsworth, formerly manager of the Yellow Taxicab Company, will be general manager of the new service.

Upon the heels of that came the announcement that the Mason-Seaman Transportation Company will put 200 taxis into service at about half the present rates. This would make the tariff 15 cents for the first half mile and five cents each for additional quarter miles. William H. Barnard, president of the company, said that the 200 cabs will be for public hauling only and will not respond to telephone orders. They will be in the nature of an experiment, he said, to ascertain if the public can be taught to use a cheap, efficient service, and if the experiment justifies it more cars will be employed.

## NO PARK "SPOONING" AFTER 1.

Regulation Forty Years Old Revised and Violator Is Fined.

No more "spooning" is to be allowed in Central Park after 1 o'clock A. M. From now on all love making must stop and all lovers get out of the park by 1 o'clock or be arrested. An old regulation that no one may enter the park after that hour is a long revised and was enforced for the first time yesterday morning.

Lawrence Clark of 225 East Sixty-fifth street tried to enter the park at 1:10 o'clock. He wanted to cut across the park on his way home, and was stopped by Park Keeper Bernard Pierce, who told him about the regulation.

"How long has that been the law?" Clark asked.

"About forty years,"

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"All right, I'll accommodate you," responded Pierce, as he arrested the young man and arraigned him before Magistrate Preschi in the Yorkville police court later. The Magistrate fined Clark \$2.

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## LILLIAN RUSSELL IMPROVING.

Singer Has Been Ill for a Month at Her Ventnor Summer Home.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 24.—Lillian Russell (Mrs. Alexander Moore), who for the past four weeks has been ill at her home at Ventnor, is said by her physicians this evening to be improving. She has been suffering from a severe cold.

The physicians attending her said to-night that there are no alarming symptoms and that pneumonia is not threatened.

## BIBLES AS BARROOM SIDE LINE.

Sold at Cut Prices, They Attract Wet Goods Customers.

PASSAIC, N. J., July 24.—Bibles and prayer books are being sold at bargain prices by Joseph and Michael Mokral, who have a saloon at Fourth and Hudson streets.

The Bibles and prayer books are exposed to public view in the front window of the saloon along with pictures and signs proclaiming the respective merits of brands of beer and whiskey. According to the proprietors, who have opened the Bibles at the illustrated pages, the display attracts much attention and is considered responsible for some bar trade.

The sale of Bibles and prayer books is also brisk, they say, considering all the circumstances and the Mokrals are thinking of continuing it as a permanent side line.

## SIX HURT WHEN AUTOS CRASH ON RIVER BRIDGE

Occupants of Car on Wrong Side of Road Disappear After Collision.

Six persons were taken to the Lincoln Hospital, The Bronx, at midnight last night after a head-on collision of automobiles on the Willis avenue bridge.

Three or four other persons who were in the smashup disappeared and the police were not able to learn their names. Those in the hospital are:

MARCUS MEYER, 24 years old, of 123 East 122d street, owner of one automobile, cuts and bruises.

MARCUS LILLIAN, 22 months old, bruises.

HART, ANNA, 18, of 3315 Third avenue, bruises.

NEWS, JOHN, 406 West 124th street, passenger of second automobile, cuts and bruises.

SMITH, MORRIS, 3315 Third avenue, possible fracture of the skull and internal injuries.

SMITH, LUCY, his daughter, bruises.

According to a statement made by Marcus, a red touring car was all to blame for the accident. He was driving north on the bridge on the right side when the big car bore down on him. It was on the wrong side.

He shouted and tried in vain to turn out, but the occupants of the car appeared to be